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#### ENGLISH MAGNANIMITY.

(Copy of a letter from Lieut, N. D. Nicholson, of the late U. S. Brig Syren, to Capt. Samuel Evans, commending Naval Officer at New York, dated, New York, Aug. 21, 1815.

SIR-Conceiving it my duty to make known the treatment exhibited by British officers and men to those who are so unfortunate as to fall into their power, I am induced to acquaint you with the following circumstances:

After the surrender of the Syren to the Medway, the officers and the crew of the former were removed to the latter, the crew not being allowed the privilege of taking their clothing, etc. with them so that the prize crew had a fair opportunity of plundering such articles as they thought proper, which opportunity they took care to profit by, as many of our men were pillaged of every property they possessed, excepting what they had on at the time; and the officers were plundered in like manner on board the Medway; the midstanmen, some of them were completely stripped, others lost their watches, &c.

For my part I came off with the myself well off, compared with the loss of my shipmates. The morning after our capture we were mustered on the quarter deck to undergo a search; the men were there stripped to the skin and, their clothing not reurned, so that many of them were left without anything more than a shirt and trousers; the next day Mr. Barton (the First Lieut, of the Med-(way) distributed the clothing he had taken from our men, to his Quarterrs and Quarter Gunners, in my

After being on board the Medway eks, we were landed at Simons own, twenty-five miles to the Eastward of Good Hope, myself and brothofficers paroled, and then marched to Cape Town under an escore of draons, being obliged to ford a lake on the march where the boys were compelled to go over on the backs of the tall men; this march of twenty miles was performed in one day, and without shoes or food.

Their shoes were stolen by the crew

of the Medway while they were asleep; after remaining in this situation near-ly 8 months, without bed or bedding, (they were not even furnished with straw.) and their hammocks were taken, a plea being made that they were public property; they were all em-marked in different men of war and Indiamen, for England; myself with about 60 officers and men, in the Cumberland, 74 guns, Captain Baker; we were all put on the lower gun deck without distinction, among their own crew and fed on prisoner's allowance; and on my remonstrating with the captain for receiving such treatment, he ordered me off the Quarter-deck, with a threat at the same time to put We remained in this situation eighteen days, after which Lieuts, Gordon, German, and myself, were removed to the Grampus, 50, at St. Helena, admitted to the wardroom mess, and treated with civility I have the honor, &&c., &c. H. D. NICHOLSON,

Capt. of the late Good Brig Syren

#### FIFTY YEARS AGO.

HOW LONG WILL IT LAST? As Mr. Stephen Nichols was cros ing the Housatonic Railway track at

Washington avenue, this forenoon, the 10:30 Express up on that road, struck his wagon, smashing it to pieces, throwing him out, Mr. Nichols, fortunately escaping with a cut on the head. The horse was uninjured and ran rapidly down the avenue until Mill pond. stopped by a man some distance away. the other side of the bridge, which

wagon, and that the train was going at float. She divined the cause of the a very high rate of speed, so fast, in-deed, that it was not checked until it had gone from 200 to 250 feet from the crossing, and even then the offi-his coat and shoes, dove from the cials who had it in charge did not send bridge and after strenuous efforts, back to see what damage was done.

How long are the people of this city to be at the mercy of this reckless

Gentlemen, of the Special Common promptly in this mattr?

This company seems only half satisfied with the terrible tragedy of the The people appeal to you for protection.

#### CLOSING OF VOLUNTEER

Philadelphia, Sept. 3, 1865. The Philadelphia volunteer refreshsaloons closed at noon to-day after having during four years three months, entertained all soldiers passing through the city numbering terday, that had a funny ending. John 1,200,000 persons, without expense to Blotz was charged with stealing corn the soldiers or the Government. The from the field of Dan C. Wood. Blotz Union saloon will, however, still be long as any funds remain.

HE LEFT OUR CITY.

Mr. J. S. Corbin, the Assistant Principal of the Bridgeport Business College, left this morning for Burlington, asked permission to examine one of Vt., to take charge of the college at the state's witnesses in order to clinch that place. Mr. Corbin leaves many warm friends in this city, who sincerely regret his departure. He carwitness, and he showed a disposition with him their warmest wishes for his success.

#### TWENTY YEARS AGO.

WEDDING BELLS.

At 11:39 this morning, in St. Mary's church, Miss Monica Kelley, and Mr. Hugh Lavery were united in mar-riage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Richard J. Carroll and was witnessed by a large number of friends of the contracting partles. Miss Alice Farley, a cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid and Mr. Michael Lavery, a brother of the groom, acted as best man. The bride was attired in a travel-

ing gown of dark blue material with velvet trimmings of the same color. She presented a charming appear-

The bride who is the only daughter of Sheriff Thomas Kelley, was until recently principal of the Jane street school. She is a highly complished young lady and has a host of friends. The groom is a well

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO. known East Side merchant and is pany, walked out at 8 o'clock this prominently identified with several mony the happy couple repaired to the home of the bride's parents where a wedding dinner was enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Lavery left on an afternoon train for a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls and other points of inter-

> FATAL CROSSING ACCIDENT. The passenger train on the Berk-shire division of the Consolidated road hit a couple at the crossing near Boardman's bridge, and killed the man outright, the woman escaping with severe injuries, how severe is The accident occurred not known. at 10:30 o'clock, two miles north of New Milford, and the train that

reaches here at 12:05 o'clock, was the one which did the damage. The couple were in a wagon and were going over the crossing from Judge Frederic A. Bartiett in the city New Milford toward the Candlewood court this morning. mountains. The wagon was smashed into kindling wood but the horse

escaped. The dead man's name was Ellsabout 40 years old.

GEN. PARKER'S OBSEQUIES.

residence of Arthur Brown in Fairfield at 2:30 this afternoon. A great American flag was draped

across the foot of the casket and execution of the sentnce. here also were laid the "Sachem's

Across the casket was a spray of palms, the modest offering of the wife and daughter. The plate was massive and contained the following in-

GENERAL ELY S. PARKER

DO-NE-HO-GA WA. SENECA SACHEM. August 30, 1895.

A delegation of nine Indians were present as follows: Daniel La Fort, president of the Six Nations, and Abraham Hall, keeper of wampum, both representing the Onondagas Chauncey Abram, Seneca Sachem of the Snipe clan; Abram Moses, treasurer of the Tonowanda tribe; Chief Elias Williams and F. L. Johnson of the Tuscaroras, and President Andrew John and Treasurer Chester Lag, of Catterangus, from the Seneca reservation.

The distinguished Harriett Maxwell Converse, writer and poetess, and the and Gentlemen's Rings today. only white woman ever raised by the Indians to the rank of chief, who was a friend of Gen. Parker, was present. Other persons present were a nephew, Fred. E. Parker, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Dector and Col. Fred Grant of New York.

Rev. Strother Jones read the entire Episcopal service, assisted in prayers by Rev. Alexander Hamilton, chap-lain of the Society of Colonial Wars of New York. The pall bearers were four members of Reno post, G. A. R., New York. They were Paul Gaufert, Edward S. Lord, Henry H. Derr and Louis H. Larke. Interment took place in Oaklawn cemetery.

#### CASEY SPURNS REWARD.

About 11 a. m. today, while several small boys were fishing from a float near Stratford avenue, one of them a boy of 10 or 12 years, fell into the water and was carried by the current under the bridge into Yellow The other boys ran to We are informed that no whistle attracted the attention of Mrs. Michwas sounded, until close upon the ael York, whose residence is near the commetion and called to a young

man named John Casey, who ran to the bridge and hastily throwing off reached the boy, then clinging to a spile of the bridge. Casey swam to the shore with the

boy who was greatly exhausted. With-Council Committee will you act, and dignantly spurning a money offering out askig the boy's name, and in from a bystander who thus wished to express his appreciation of the act of bravery, Mr. Casey walked off with his shoes and coat for a change of garments.

Several who witnessed the act and know Mr. Casey, said that this is the REFRESHMENT SALOONS third or fourth life he has saved under similar circumstances.

CONVICTED BY HIS COUSIN.

There was a corn thieving case be fore Justice Peck of Stratford, yes wanted a lawyer to represent him and used to entertain returning veterans as got Louis Richards, the interpreter, to act, which the justice allowed.

At the trial yesterday, there was no convicting testimony submitted by the state, and the justice was about to dismiss the accused, when Richards witness, and he showed a disposition

to have Blotz cleared. "Did you see Blotz in the field with the bag?" "He was showing the corn in when I came along and dropped the bag when I yelled at him. Afterwards he took the bag away-

"Don't say any more," 'interrupted Richards, "you fool, you have lost I don't know why I me the case. asked the question anyway." And with that Justice Peck thundered "Seven dollars and which Blotz paid.

Colonel Robert B. Woodward, Civil War veteran and vice president of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, died at Cooperstown, N. Y.

The Constitutional convention at Albany appointed Elihu Root to name a committee of seven to have charge of the revision of the new constitu-

> SPECIAL SALE OF FERNS JOHN RECK & SON.

#### TORRINGTON SHOP TIED UP AS 900 MACHINISTS QUIT

nen, practically the entire force at the plant of the Hendey Machine commorning. They are striking for an local organizations. After the cere-mony the happy couple repaired to the in wages and time and half for overtime. A petition for these concessions was circulated through the shop and at a meeting held Thursday evening a committee was named to present the demands to the company. They were presented yesterday but were refused by the company. The decision to strike was reached at a meeting held last night.

#### Suspend Penalty on Man Who Took Car Without Leave

A sentence of six months in jail to James Gerard, a former employe of the Blue Ribbon Garage, now living at 24 Pacific street, Stamford, by court this morning.

Gerard was arrested in Greenwich on Thursday of this week, charged with the theft of an automobile from dead man's name was Ells- the Blue Ribbon garage on Fairfield ,a wood chopper. He was avenue, the property of Max Cohen, salesman in the employ of the Connecticut Auto and Sales company. Gerard was taken to this city yes-

The funeral of Gen. Ely Samuel terday morning by Detective James Parker, Seneca chieftain and king Bray. In city court to-day he plead-of the Six Nations, was held at the in view of the fact that a wife and three children are depending on him for support, Judge Bartlett suspended

> ALLEGED BICYCLE THIEF IS REMANDED

A continuance until Friday of next week was granted by Judge Frederic A. Bartlett, in the case of John Spolini, 1846 Main street, under bonds of \$500, in the city court this morning. Spolini is charged with the theft of a bicycle valued at \$60 from the yard of John Murphy, 641 Hallett street.

Governor Whitman ordered out Co. 6 of the National Guard at Watertown, N. Y., to take charge of the strike situation at the St. Regis Paper Mills.

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# PLANS TO FIGH

Both Sides Busy Preparing Cases in Providence Motor Shooting.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 4 .- The repesentatives of the prosecution and defense in the case of Mrs. Elizabeth Tiffany Blair Mohr, accused by three negroes of having hired them to murher husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, bent their energies today in seeking to strengthen their respective sides. The officials of the town of Barrington and the county of Bristol, in whose judisdiction Dr. Mohr was shot, admitted today that so far their case against the woman was a weak one. They pointed out that some-thing more than the confessions of the negroes was needed for conviction for which was suspended, was meted out confessions tending to incriminate other persons have no standing in the courts of Rhode Island.

Barrington police officers were searching for two men who, it was understood, had overheard a conversation between two motorcyclists on the night of the shooting. Two negroes who have admitted their complicity in the physician's death rode to the scene of the crime on motorcycles. Arthur Cushing, attorney for Mrs. Mohr, continued his quest for a will

doctor, previous searches having failed to produce anything except a document which, Mr. Cushing states, could not be probated.

It is understood that in this document Dr. Mohr sought to relieve his wife of all interest in his estate.

Charles M. Mohr, of New York, one of two children of Dr. Mohr by a former marriage, made two unsuccessful attempts to see Miss Emily G. Burger, the doctor's secretary, who is recover-ing from bullet wounds received at the time her employer was killed. After to one of the doctors that he did not o'cloc think there would be any disagreement gree.

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in the Mohr family over the disposition of his father's estate in the absence of He said that he and his stepmother had virtually agreed upon a division of the property which he estimated to be worth \$400,000. He ex-pected to receive \$80,000 and his sister, Mrs. Ernest Marr, of Baltimore, a like amount. The rest of the estate, he said, would probably go to Mrs. Mohr and her two children.

Junkman Arrested For Using Scales At Short Weight

Louis Levin, a junk dealer living at 84 Wallace court, was arraigned before Judge Frederic A. Bartlett in the city court this morning charged with violating the statutes regarding the use of improper weighing scales. His case was continued until Tuesday under bonds of \$50.

Levin was accosted at the junction of Fairfield avenue and State street yesterday afternoon by Weights and Measures Dennis Kelly. The Sealer demanded to see Levin's scales and when they were produced he caused the arrest of the junkman.

#### Theatre Employes Present Gold Watch

ast four years superintendent of Poli's theatre here, leaves to-morrow for Springfield, where he will be assistant to Manager Gordon Wrighter, of Poli's Palace theatre.

This afternoon, employes of the theatre presented "Bill" with a gold Mr. Cotter takes with him the best wishes of many friends here. He will be succeeded here by Alfred J. Griffin, a Bridgeport boy, who has had several years' experience in theatricals and other amusement en-

MASONIC NOTES.

St. John's lodge, No. 3, will have a special communication in Masonic his last effort early today, he remarked temple Wednesday evening at 7:30 to one of the doctors that he did not o'clock to confer the Fellowcraft deTONIGHT

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